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Well, it is truly the season for love – and Natalie Ann Ruggano and Michael Collucci began their new life together in royal style with a fabulous reception at The Chanticler in Short Hills, New Jersey.

Good things *do* happen at NHA –

Bride, Merian D. Oliver (Legal Dept.) and groom, Michael Williams (Dept. of Housing) met at the Newark Housing Authority of the city of Newark and NHA was represented all through the wedding: Best Man: Dwight Brown, (District Mgr); Groomsman: Dalton Barrett (Dir. Drug Elimination); Officiating Minister: Pastor Joyce Roberts (Exec. Office) D.J.: Danny "DJ" Harrington; Catering provided by: Tawanna Brinson (Legal); Mistress of Ceremony: Karimu F. Hill-Harvey, Esq. (Legal) and Photographer: Donald Moore (Dir. of Modernization).

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Guest Commentary and Opinion Column

Text of a letter to the President of HBO from Don King

Don King says HBO Unfair to the Black and Minority Community

Re: Holyfield v. Lewis, II

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your proposal to me, as made by Mr. Seth Abraham of Time Warner Sports, for the promotion and broadcast of the rematch between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis. The proposal requests, in part, that if I am indicted or otherwise charged with a crime related to Holyfield v. Lewis, I, or influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any boxing match, HBO can cause Don Ding and/or Don King Productions to no longer be the public promoter of the bout. A copy of the proposal was delivered to me by Mr. Abraham on May 18, 1999, and a copy is attached hereto. Subsequently, on May 24, 9999, Mr. Abraham modified the proposal by proposing, in part, that if Don King Productions is charged with the commission of any act which could bring itself into public disrepute, contempt, scandal or ridicule or which could reflect unfavorable upon the event, TVKO and HBO, in their sole discretion, could cause Don King Productions to no longer serve as a public promoter of the event.

It is with great mental pain, anguish and disappointment that I take up the pen to respond to your proposal.

I have been informed by Mr. Seth Abraham, whom I regard as a dear friend, that I should comply with your request and give up my Constitutional right, namely, "the presumption of innocence until proven guilty," to provide Time Warner the comfort it needs for an association with Don King Productions in the promotion of the rematch of the bout between Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis.

I am informed that Time Warner's request is based upon a "hypothetical" that should Don King be indicated for "fight fixing" in regard to Holyfield v. Lewis, I, that I should:

1. step aside as the promoter of Holyfield v. Lewis, II. I have been informed by representatives of HBO that if DKP or Don King is indicted or otherwise charged with a crime related to a) Holyfield-Lewis I *or* b) influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of any boxing match, HBO can cause DKP to no longer be the public promoter for the bout.

2. The decision shall be made by President of Time Warner Sports, Seth Abraham.

3. If DKP is no longer the public promoter for the bout:

a. DKP and Don shall not take any public actions as promoter, including any press conferences or interviews;

b. DKP and Don King shall issue a press release approved by HBO stating that TVKO/HBO have decided to remove DKP and Don King as the public promoters for the bout; and

c DKP and Don shall not make any further comment regarding their removal.

4. Subject to a court or government order to the contrary, DKP's rights and obligations under the agreement for the bout, including any right to receive payments, shall not be affected by its removal as the public promoter for the bout.

As the rightful owner of the promotional rights to the rematch, I am therefore requesting that you relinquish your exclusive US pay per view distribution rights over Lennox Lewis so that this important fight can be made. It must be remembered that you do not own the US pay per per view distribution rights to Evander Holyfield's fights, but are using your rights over Lewis to force a deal with you even though Lewis' promoters have agreed to terms with me. As Congress currently debates the Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform act, I think it is important for your network to demonstrate that it will not stand in the way of important fights being made by using an exclusive pay per view distribution agreement with one fighter to exact control over an entire fight, for to do so would make you the de facto promoter (for which, I note, you do not have a license), and not just the US pay per view distributor.

This is not to say that you should not be compensated for relinquishing your rights. As you know, on the last event, TVKO made a profit of $1.5 million. In order to compensate you for your US pay per view distribution rights over Lewis and in order to make this fight, I am willing to do the unprecedented that is buy out your US pay per view distribution rights over Lewis for $2 million without you having to undertake any risk whatsoever. I am willing to make this offer even though it means that I will be in effect paying the US pay per view distribution fee twice because I believe that this fight must take place for the good of the sport.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible because time is of the essence.

DON KING

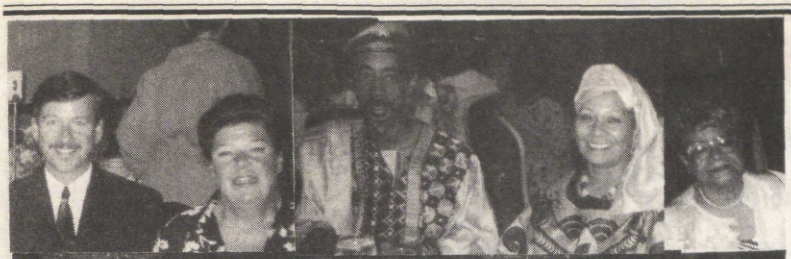
Above: Wellwishers, Thelma & Ronald Vannoy with honoree, Marcia Duhart, formerly of W. Org.

Marcia with daughter, Kelly Duhart

Below: Co-workers from Merrill Lynch, Princeton, turn out to say good luck.

Partying down with (front to back) Dottie Judd, (formerly of E.O. now of N.H.), Queen Trotman, Carol Barnard, the Vannoys and April Carter.

Around the table, (left to right) David and Betty Ray, Gloria Burton& George Watson, Julie & Joe Romano, Margaret, Greg & Sharon Harris.



Bill & Chris Rumps, Jim & Donna Samuels of VA; & Lucille Watson

Standing: Frank Varela, Phyllis Walker, Norman & Ann O'Brien of MD; Dorthy Judd; Seated: Rosemary Varela, Ray Boston, Marcia's mom, Mrs. Janet White, the honoree herself, Marcia Duhart, daughter Kelly Duhart, Cousins Lorraine & Leroy Randolph of Kansas City, KA & Roslyn Carter.

Above: Mary and Lander Coleman, cousins, Leroy & Lorraine Randolph; Below: Marcia's brother, Dr. Robert White, Marcia Duhart, & Velma LaPointe.

Mom, Mrs. Janet White (who is a also retired from Merrill Lynch), shown with daughter, Marcia Duhart. A real mother and daughter dynamic duo!

Marcia Duhart's Retirement Party

It was held at the Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg, NJ, celebrating 21 years at Merrill Lynch as an Asst. Vice President, Marcia was a Corporate Trainer for the New England District and other branch offices in the United States. When asked why she retired so young? She replied, I wanted to create and operate my own firm teaching senior citizens how to use the "super highway", in other words... the INTERNET. Ms. Duhart can be reached at 609-426-4117 to learn how to step into the new millennium.

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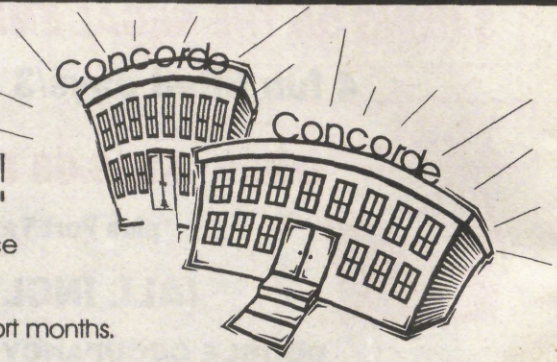

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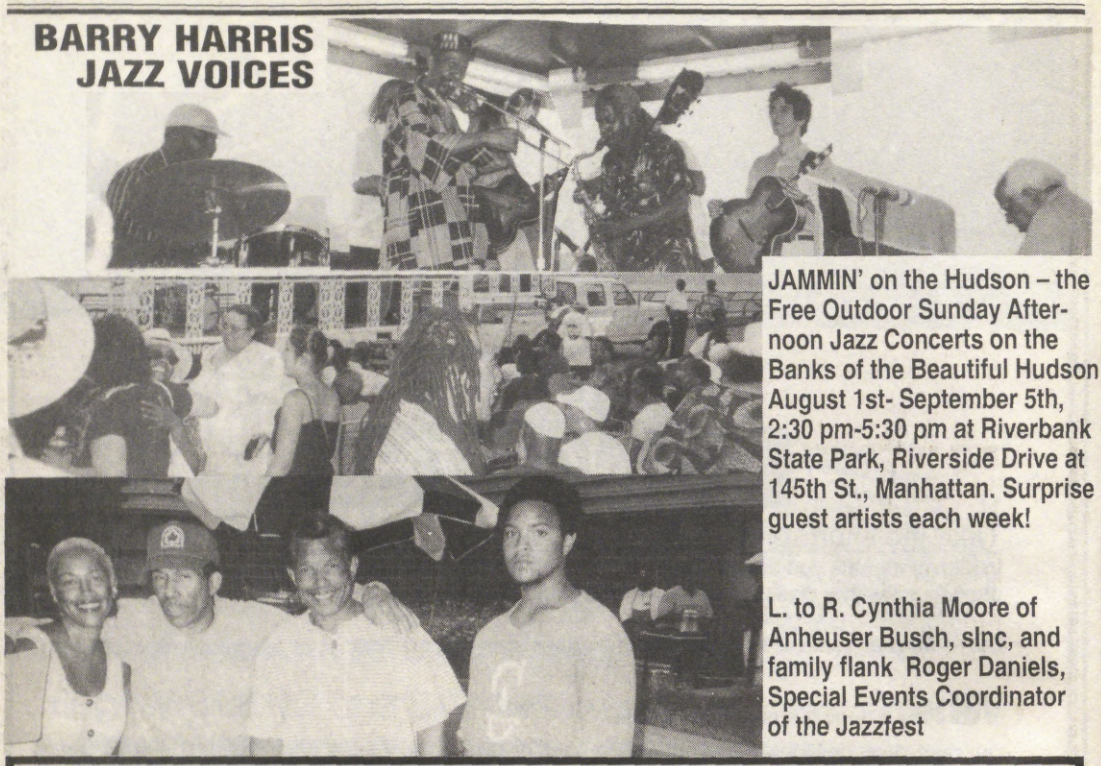

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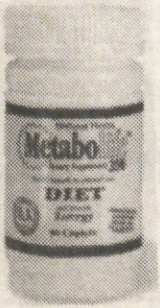

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A TRUE WAR STORY

By JOSEPH SAMUEL THOMAS

I arrived in Korea in the Spring of 1951, an 18 year old youth seeking to meet his obligation to his country.

I volunteered for the service as opposed to waiting to be drafted. I didn't seek any laurels because of this and I feel that any American citizen who could, should have been willing to do the same.

As a man who had only "played" at war, I could not begin to imagine the nightmare that was about to begin changing part of my life forever.

The ride on the troop-train from Pusan to a small village whose name I cannot recall at this time was uneventful. From there we traveled by truck to another small village, debarked and prepared to bivouac for the night.

It is quite dark now and it is my turn to perform sentinel duty. The setting has an eeriness about it. The moon is full and shadows are cast all about us. In the distance there are the black outlines of some hills from which behind intermittent flashes appear followed by the muffled sounds of artillery guns.

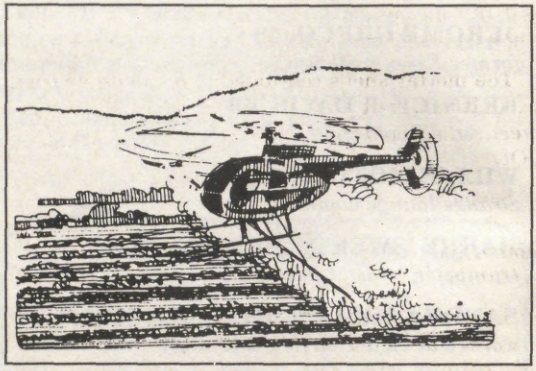
The soldiers who are sleeping on a defunct tennis court toss about in an uneasy sleep. Their movements make a scraping sound adding to the discomfort I already had as I patrolled the perimeter.

My line of patrol brought me close to some bushes and trees beyond which there is pitch blackness. I couldn't help but think that may moment I would feel a hand clamp over my mouth and a thrusting of cold steel in my ribs. The nightmare is more pronounced now: I am in a War-Zone!!!

Just prior to being committed to the frontlines, our maneuvers brought us to a stream. Being low on water I, along with some others, paused, placed a purifying tablet in our canteens, dipped some water from that stream and gulped down a swallow or two. We proceeded upstream. Much to our horror, we came upon a partially decomposed human body lying in that same stream!! Notwithstanding the purifying precautions I had taken, can I ever erase this from my mind? Is there something within me preparing to spread?!

On another occasion, the enemy dropped (by way of mortar) some leaflets on us. On them was the picture of a Black man who had been lynched in the South. The caption read: "Black G.I.s" – is this why you risk you life? Is this what awaits you when you get home? I knew there were lynchings occurring at that time, but I also knew that the enemy didn't care about me. However, it did prey on my mind.

Among many other harrowing wartime experiences there stands the trauma of a hand grenade falling inside a bunker I was in. My buddies and I tried to get out before the explosion but were unable



to do so. I remember seeing the blue-white flash when it went off and then feeling sick. I wanted to know how my buddies were and was told that another guy had also been hit. The medic assured me that he and I would be alright. I was evacuated to Japan to recover.

I returned to the front and vividly recall a daytime combat patrol mission I was part of. We were to proceed toward "Jackson Heights" in an attempt to reach another patrol that had come under heavy enemy fire.

We crossed over a wide open area of rice paddies clearly visible to the North Koreans in the nearby hills. We traversed a shallow creek. Two others and I were ordered to check out some "Hooches" as the rest of the patrol proceeded towards the beleaguered patrol. Suddenly, from behind a hill to our right, 120 mm mortar shells came roaring in upon us. These was a blood chilling experience as i felt so helpless. When a man is shooting at you with a pistol or rifle, you can shot back. You can do nothing with mortar rounds except try to "burrow" into the ground!

I tried to pray but I was so frightened, I could

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only stammer, "Our Father..." A shell hit a tree. I had looked up just before it impacted. I saw the red-white flash followed by thick black smoke. My buddy screamed: "GOD damn man, this is enough of this shit"!

The shelling intensified. Our platoon leader, Lt. Flagg got on the radio to talk to the Battalion Commander, Major Gass. "Sir, we are under intense 120 mm mortar fire!! We are taking casualties! What are your orders?" After receiving a reply: Lt. Flagg shout: "Withdraw"!!

I leaped to my feet onto a dried out creek bed and ran at top speed towards the creek we had crossed over on our way over to where we were now.

The mortar shells continued to detonate angrily seeking out our bodies to tear them to bits. However, we suffered no fatalities that day thanks to GOD.

Sometime later we were ourselves on "Jackson Heights," but I was ordered home because my mother had suffered a stroke and was not expected to survive.

Nine months later after having crossed the Continental United States nine times. (This was necessary because when I would just about be ready to "ship-out" overseas again, my mother would suffer a relapse and I had to go back home to be at her side).

The time did come however, when I, knowing she could be alright and even though I could have finished out my enlistment in California, walked up to a major who was calling out the names of the men to be shipped overseas. I told him I wanted to rejoin my outfit. He looked at me half quizzically, half admiring, and granted my wish a few weeks later. I returned to Korea only to find that the men in my outfit who had survived had been sent home.

I was assigned to the Reconnaissance, an intelligence platoon and was back ion the line in an observation post in the Mung-Dung-Ni Valley across from Heartbreak Ridge. I ended my tour of duty there after some more very terrifying experiences.

I hope that it would not be determined by the reader that these experiences I've described (these are not all of them) pale in comparison to other accounts that have been read. We are all affected differently by similar events. It may well be that the mere thought of being under hostile fire could be as chilling to one person as it is to another who has actually lived it!

I find it very difficult to describe all of the horrors my war experiences have been for once you voluntarily recall them they just don't go away at the snap of a finger. It is far more comforting to "shut them out" but this is not always possible. I must sleep and some of my deepest traumatic war experiences have crept into my dreams too many times.

I hold that simply because the physical scars from the war do not make me grotesque to look at does not mean they are not there. But for more troubling are the wounds within that are there to stay. I know I'm carrying schrapnel in two parts of my body. This is unnatural!

I know that when I place the fingers of my left hand on my right hand and feel the steel that has been there since September 18th, 1951, whether I like it or not I return to those days that had some of the words horrors man can witness.

I don't believe that one has to be a "walking time bomb" or have a a "crazed" look to show trauma engendered by ones exposure to "Hell On Earth".

I know that I am truly blessed to have first, survived the war and secondly, to deal with this trauma in the manner that I do. But I will never be able to say: "It didn't happen"!

I live in a part of Newark, New Jersey had at one time echoing in the streets, the dreadful sounds of "Uzis". That sound revived that hibernating spirit of the war after a long slumber.

I pray that if nothing else results form this correspondence that the reader will get a better understanding of my feelings than the preceding evaluator arrived at.

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April, 1999

Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."

Photo by Carl Chase

Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal prof police. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free r

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Executive Director Zoraya Le lin, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hazlet po just because the windo tinted. He produced an lished law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had hu and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife were quite upset, he definitely ruined our ev

He seemed emotion when he added, "My s year-old Raymond Jr. the back seat, and he a -What's wrong, Daddy wrong?"

"The tint on my v very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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